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ELIMINATION OF HUNGER
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Global Hunger Index (GHI) prepared by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the report of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has pointed a very grim picture regarding access of poor to food and incidence of hunger in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the causes identified for prevalence of hunger and shortage of food in the country;

(c) the details regarding the efforts made for eliminating hunger in the country alongwith the success achieved therein; and

(d) the efforts being made for strengthening food security in the country in order to remove hunger and improve availability of foodgrains in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir. The IFPRI press release dated October, 12, 2007 on New Global Hunger Index notes that inter alia, India has made a notable progress, and is very close to being on track to achieve the Global Hunger Index target based on the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. Besides as per the FAO`s publication No.2, April, 2008 on `Crop Prospects and Food Situation`, India is not having shortfall in aggregate food production/supplies and forecast for total cereal production is of 251.7 million tonnes during 2008.

(b), (c) & (d): Question do not arise.